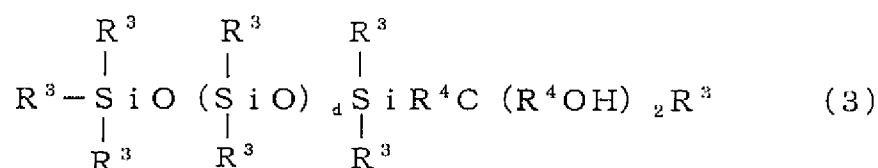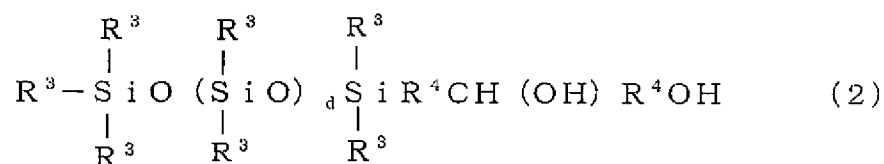**AMENDED CLAIM SET:**

1. (currently amended) A dilatant fluid composition comprising:

(A) 100 parts by weight of an inorganic fine particle having a primary particle size of from 2 nm to 30 μm;

(B) 0.5 to 100 parts by weight of a particle dispersing agent which is a polysiloxane diol represented by the general formula (2) or (3)

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\begin{array}{ccc}
R^3 & R^3 & R^3 \\
| & | & | \\
R^3-\!Si\,O\;(Si\,O)\;_d Si\,R^4CH\,(OH)\;R^4OH \\
| & | & | \\
R^3 & R^3 & R^3
\end{array}
\qquad (2)
$$

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\begin{array}{ccc}
R^3 & R^3 & R^3 \\
| & | & | \\
R^3-\!Si\,O\;(Si\,O)\;_d Si\,R^4C\,(R^4OH)\;_2 R^3 \\
| & | & | \\
R^3 & R^3 & R^3
\end{array}
\qquad (3)
$$

wherein each R^3 independently represents a $C_{1\text{-}8}$ alkyl group or an aryl group having up to 8 carbon atoms, each R^4 independently represents a divalent group or a divalent substituent group having an ester bond or an ether bond, and d is an integer of $1 \leq d \leq 1000$; and

(C) 5 to 1000 parts by weight of a <u>cyclic or linear dimethyl silicone oil or methyl phenyl silicone oil</u> silicone medium.
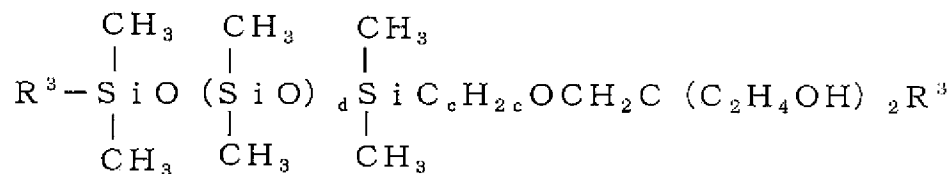
2. (original) The dilatant fluid composition described in claim 1, wherein the inorganic fine particle of the component (A) is an inorganic particle having a primary particle size of from 2 to 50 nm.

3. (original) The dilatant fluid composition described in claim 1 or 2, wherein the inorganic fine particle of the component (A) is silica.

4. – 7. (cancelled).

8. (cancelled).

9. (previously presented) The dilatant fluid composition of claim 1, wherein the particle dispersing agent of component (B) is a silicone oil having a hydroxyl group at one terminal therefore represented by the formula

$$R^3-\underset{\underset{CH_3}{|}}{\overset{\overset{CH_3}{|}}{Si}}O\ (\underset{\underset{CH_3}{|}}{\overset{\overset{CH_3}{|}}{Si}}O)\ _d\underset{\underset{CH_3}{|}}{\overset{\overset{CH_3}{|}}{Si}}C_cH_{2c}OCH_2C\ (C_2H_4OH)\ _2R^3$$

wherein R^3 represents a C_{1-8} alkyl group or an aryl group having up to 8 carbon atoms, c is an integer of $2 \leq c \leq 5$, and d is an integer of $1 \leq d \leq 1000$.

10. (previously presented) The dilatant fluid composition of claim 9, wherein the inorganic fine particle of the component (A) is an inorganic particle having a primary particle size of from 2 to 50 nm.

11. (previously presented) The dilatant fluid composition of claim 9 or 10, wherein the inorganic fine particle of component (A) is silica.

12. (cancelled).